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Re: Missed Deadline Waiver Request

E-Rate case 158909

CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

I am requesting a waiver for a missed deadline due to extenuating and unusual circumstances. Our E-Rate 471 certification for Funding Year 2002 (year 5) was received January 18, 2002, one day late.

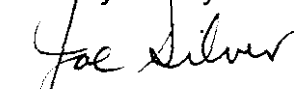
That information only came to our attention on November 25, 2002 as we investigated the status of our application.

The sad fact is, that the person responsible for preparing our E-rate application recently resigned due to severe health and personal reasons. Last year, during the period of time he was preparing the E-Rate applications he assured us that everything was complete and submitted. That person has undergone brain surgery and depression, amongst other health issues. It was only after he resigned in November 2002 that we checked into the E-Rate status only to discover his error. In addition, we have no record of receipt of a "rejection letter" which would have prompted us to appeal at that time.

We are a poor district and the E-rate funds make a significant difference to the services and programs we can fund for children.

Please let me know what else we can do to become eligible for E-Rate funding. I can forward medical verification of the person mentioned above to support our appeal.

Thank you for your consideration.





Joseph Silver
Superintendent of Schools

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Monday, November 25, 2002 11:23:12 AM

Message

From:  question@universalservice.org
Subject: RE: E-Rate Status of **471**, case 158909
To:  Amber Cutler

Thank you for your inquiry. Your application status is still in process, however, the certification was received January 18 which is considered as being outside of the window.

Funding Year 2002 Forms **471** No Longer Accepted (5/13/02)

The SLD has determined that sufficient funds will not be available for out-of-window Funding Year 2002 (Year 5) applications. Funding requests submitted on Form **471** applications received or postmarked after January 17, 2002 are considered out-of-window.

Therefore, we have removed Funding Year 2002 as an option from the drop-down box for the online Form **471**. We will continue to mail an out-of window postcard notification to any applicant who files a manual Form **471** for Funding Year 2002 outside the Form **471** application filing window.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our Schools & Libraries Helpline at 888-203-8100 or contact us at question@universalservice.org. Please remember to visit our website for updates (<<<< <<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/>>
<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/>>>>>).

Thank you.

Universal Service Administrative Company Schools and Libraries Division.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amber Cutler [<<mailto:acutler@springfield.k12.vt.us>>
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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2002 1:48 PM

To: question@universalservice.org

Subject: E-Rate Status of 471

Hello, I have taken over the E-Rate process in the midst of Round 5 commitment and Round 6 application from a former employee. I would like

to confirm that Round 5, form 471 was received and is awaiting commitment for reimbursement. I have been watching the "waves", and understand that it is a waiting process. However, I would really appreciate knowing that it is indeed "in process" , while I wait.

Thanks, very much.

Amber Cutler

Applicants Form Identifier 471-Year 5

Funding Year 07/01/02 - 06/30/03

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